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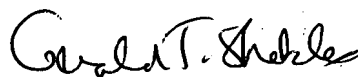
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For: **ENVIRONMENTALLY STABLE  
PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM  
THE REMEDIATION OF  
CONTAMINATED SEDIMENTS  
AND SOILS**

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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

The Office Action of July 15, 1998 has been carefully reviewed and the following amendments and remarks are made in response thereto.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1, 3, and 9 as follows:

1. (twice amended) An environmentally stable substantially non-leaching cement product of a process for thermo-chemical remediation and decontamination of sediments and soils contaminated with organic materials as well as inorganic contaminants and heavy metals, the process comprising the steps of: